

THE BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL SESSION.
RESOLUTIONS IN FAVOR OF A SOUND NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY LAW AND RESTRICTIONS ON SILVER COINAGE PASSED.—EDWARD ATKINSON SPEAKS ON THE NATIONAL GROWTH.

The American Bankers' Association, which concluded its annual meeting at Saratoga yesterday, adopted resolutions calling for a National bankruptcy law, and changes in the Silver Act. Mr. Atkinson, of Boston, read an interesting paper on the growth of this country, and some phases of national finance. A paper by George A. Butler, of Connecticut, was read, in which he recommended that steps be taken to place the national bank circulation on a specie basis.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

FROM THE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.
SARATOGA, Aug. 13.—When the Bankers' Convention was called to order this morning there were more people in the hall than at any time since the opening day. Several fashionably dressed women occupied seats among the delegates, and seemed to take a deep interest in the addresses. There was much bustle to be disposed of, and as the desire was universal to get through in time to allow those delegates who deserved to leave the town by the afternoon trains, there was little delay.

The first real business of the day was the report from the Executive Council, which it had organized as follows: Chairman, George S. Cole; President, American Exchange National Bank, New York; Treasurer, George E. Baker, President First National Bank, New York; Secretary, Edmund D. Randolph, President Continental National Bank, New York City; Corresponding Secretary, George Marsland, No. 247 Broadway, New York.

Mr. Mitchell, the chairman, announced that copies of the proceedings of the Convention in previous years would be presented to the representatives of the Japanese Minister as a proof of the appreciation of the convention of the valuable paper forwarded by the Minister on the 1st of August.

The resolution on bankruptcy, reported yesterday, was referred to a committee, and the action of the Bankers' Convention in favor of a sound national bankruptcy law, and changes in the Silver Act, was referred to another committee.

"Yes, but Senator Jones is very poor authority upon political affairs in Florida. He is so thoroughly absorbed with the greater matters of the Nation that it is not to be expected that he should descend to the small affairs of home."

"Is the party organization in Florida complete?"

"Our party is thoroughly organized, and we propose to make the canvass as complete in every part of the State as possible—something we have not been able to do before in years. There is no doubt of a Republican majority in Florida. On the best data I can obtain, I estimate it will range from 1,500 to 2,500. We have no reason to doubt that we shall poll a full vote without let or hindrance."

"Was there not difficulty about the registration in 1878, and does not the same difficulty now exist?"

"There was great difficulty, which cost us the election in one of our Congressional Districts. After the Democrats came into power in 1873 their first action was to pass a new registry law full of technicalities and apply it to an honest registration. The result was that the party lost the election, and the Republicans, who were then in a minority, were compelled to register several thousand Republican voters in order to register them. In one county alone—Jefferson—they refused to register 2,000 Republican voters, they voted 1,200. They have since boasted of this as an evidence of the truth of the declarations often made that the negroes are voting in the South. After much trouble we were compelled to sue the Supreme Court, which has recently given its decision ordering the county authorities to restore the names of the registrants. The Court did not rule on the constitutionality of certain parts of the registry law which will contribute very materially to the securing of a full Republican vote in the State. It is due to the voter's name is not enough to secure the return of the voter's officers, or their refusal to register the name, that voter can appear at the polls and swear in his vote by proving his residence and citizenship in accordance with the well-known laws of Florida, and his voice will be heard."

"Will this enable you to get out a full vote?"

"Yes, we expect to poll every Republican vote in Florida."

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